

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St Louis 5, Missouri

September 1, 1960

Mr. Gordon Harris
101 Gordon Parkway
Gryebuss, New York

Dear Mr. Harris:

Richard Hoover has written me that you are assembling the data on the scrip issued in the State of New York.

I wrote a book entitled "Early Paper Money of America" and am preparing certain additions to it covering the notes issued between 1770 and 1800. These are chiefly notes issued by churches, clubs, societies and individuals primarily in New York. I have assembled some material on this subject and would like to know if you have any of these notes listed or can give me any information on the ones you know of. I am particularly interested in the collections which have New York notes and wonder if you could suggest some of those to me. I have already checked the Western Reserve Historical Society, in Cleveland, and the American Numismatic Society, in New York. I expect to check the Chase-Manhattan collection.

Your helpfulness will be most appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you on this phase of scrip in New York.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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GORDON HARRIS

Rare Coins Bought, Sold and Appraised

A. N. A.
E. S. N. A.

101 GORDON PARKWAY
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13219
PHONE 488-4769

Sept 12, 1979

Dear Mr. Newman

If you could wait until later part of November I may be able to supply you with information on early N.Y. notes. I have looked at all the New York collections that I know of but one remains; that at one time displayed a great deal of early material. In November The O.N.A. will have a two day show in Syracuse which quite a few members of the E.S. N.A. will be attending, as they have been invited and accepted this date for a business meeting. I hope to be able to go though this collection. There are very few early N.Y. notes that I own or have seen and this collection should provide most of the early notes.

Most of the early scrip notes fall in the period of 1814 to 1816. Have seen notes previous to 1900 on Albany Schenectady, German Flatts now called Herkimer, and New York City. Feel that there should be notes on towns in the Hudson Valley and possibly Long Island as both issued many notes in the latter period.

It might interest you to know that there is a nice set of first issue Albany notes that you left unpriced; in a museum on Central Ave. Albany. I only have the 20 and 40 shilling notes which came from a descendant of Ten Eyck.

If you can not wait until November will send what data I have which is skimpy.

Gordon Harris

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 17, 1970

Mr. Gordon Harris
101 Gordon Parkway
Syracuse, New York 13219

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your kind and informative note
of September 18, 1970.

It is possible for me to await the December
meeting in order for you to assemble the listing of the
early New York notes from the 1790 to 1800 period. However,
if you could send me the name of the collector who has the
substantial collection of this early material, or be kind
enough to write to him and send me a copy, that would be
very helpful. The collection might not be brought to the
meeting and there may be items in the collection with
respect to which I might need additional data or even
an illustration.

With respect to the museum on Central Avenue,
in Albany, I would appreciate the name of the museum as
I might be able to improve my illustration of the early
Albany notes in a revised edition of my book. They might
also have some Albany notes from the 1790-1800 period
which were issued on several different dates.

I certainly appreciate the spirit of cooperation
which you have shown and look forward to hearing from you
with respect to the foregoing suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 4, 1970

Mr. Gordon Harris
101 Gordon Parkway
Syracuse, New York 13219

Dear Gordon:

Your listing of the New York change notes prior to 1800 is most helpful and such cooperation is truly appreciated. The 18 notes you listed have been checked and naturally contain items which I was not aware of heretofore.

There are four notes which are not on our list and three more of which we have no pictures. These are respectively marked "A" and "B" on the copy of your list. Is it possible to borrow these in order to make illustrations? We will gladly reimburse the owner, or you, for registration costs if you can arrange to send the seven to us. They will be returned within the week.

Would you tell me who the owner is, if you are permitted. If they are all yours or partly yours, or not yours, that would even be helpful. No disclosure of ownership is to be published but it is merely for our records.

If, by chance, any of the notes (not just the seven) are yours and are for sale, we would like to have the opportunity to acquire some we do not have.

I have already checked the Chase-Mannhattan and seven other collections. Do you know of any public or private owners in New York other than Chase and AM?

Your comments as to the notes are very sound and I have answered some on the photocopy enclosed.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

EPM
atb

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 18, 1970

Mr. Gordon Harris
101 Gordon Parkway
Syracuse, New York 13219

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you, very much, for the photographs which you sent of the change notes.

I now realize your reason for not disclosing the name of the other collector is that you want to acquire his pieces. I fully understand your position and respect it. None of the friends of either of us wanted to let us know about the Freeman sale but if we can get pictures of some of the items they will be shared for future publications.

If you set up your own camera equipment, be sure to take your photographs of paper money on a one-for-one size or lay a ruler next to the paper money when it is pictured. This makes it possible to reduce or enlarge the pictures to proper size if that is desired for uniformity.

I use a Xerox copy for many of my illustrations because this gives exact size and on these early notes makes a good picture.

I will await your further pictures but may want to borrow your pieces to make further pictures and hope that you will make a new picture of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church item from Canajohary dated February 4, 1793.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated and I presume you are only interested in the New York data rather than all of the change notes of the eastern seaboard.

With best wishes for the Holidays,

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 2, 1971

Mr. Gordon Harris
101 Garden Parkway
Syracuse, New York 13219

Dear Mr. Harris:

I wanted to give you a report on what I am doing on the small change notes and also to answer your questions.

The J. Prince note you sent a picture of is John Prince in the 1790 New York Census and not Isaac Prince.

I am writing various New York cities which issued notes to see where there records are and so far I have the authorization of the notes from two of them. Similarly I am going to try to locate church records of those churches which issued notes.

As to James DuFont, I am in contact with him and hopefully will be able to obtain pictures of his material. However, he does not lend any material for study and so it takes personal contact.

Were you successful in getting the balance of the change notes you were seeking? I hope so. I also hope you have a picture of the Herkimer note by now and that you are set up for photography in your own house.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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July 12, 1990

5318 S. Terry Rd.
Syracuse N.Y 13219

Dear Mr. Newman

Many years ago I sent you illustrations for the 1976 book
At that time I was starting a book on N.Y. State scrip notes &
had to put the book on hold but now we are past the half way point
and should finish in a year.

I need and would like permission to use some of the illustrations
from your third edition of Early Paper Money of America. I am
spending the summer researching the small towns and both Albany
and N.Y.C., looking for information on notes of 1812 to 1817.

Would the records of the Albany Common Council help me?
Would also like to purchase a copy of N.Y. City small change bills
and any other publication addressing this subject. Have you
any suggestions to PLACES OF INFORMATION?

Sincerely Yours

Gordon Harris

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

July 16, 1990

Mr. Gordon Harris
5318 S. Terry Road
Syracuse, NY 13219

Dear Mr. Harris:

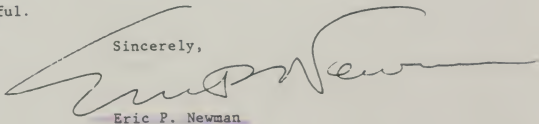
In answer to your recent letter, I will need a little more information before I can submit this to the copyright owner of **Early Paper Money of America**. Is your proposed publication strictly on scrip of New York State or will it include bank notes? Approximately how many items do you propose to use from my book? Do you plan to give picture credits?

As to the Albany Common Council, their records ought to give you the detail on small change notes issued during the War of 1812 period. It would also be very helpful if you would obtain information from each city which issued scrip during the War of 1812 period. My article on the New York ^{City} scrip of that period was published in 1985 by the American Numismatic Society as a Coinage of the Americas Conference book entitled, America's Currency 1789-1866. I have never done any work on any city in New York during the War of 1812 period except New York City.

There are many pieces of scrip listed in the collection of the New York State Library, which list was published in 1856. I believe all of the notes burned up, but the list could give you clues.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

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Aug. 3 1990

Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society

*5318 S. Tennyson
- by name of 1932-19*

Dear Sir.

My forthcoming book will be on private and scrip notes of New York State. The bank notes have been assigned to another writer. The Society of Paper Money Collectors is publishing my book which properly be a loss to me, as I am doing it to help the Society.

I have at the present time 49 illustrations of the colonial period. It has been my intention to refer the readers to The Early Paper Money of America for additional information as my book will be far less detailed. I could also add that many illustrations are the courtesy of Eric Newman.

I have the list of the New York State LIBRARY ALSO the Stack, s sale of 1990. Interesting as some of the notes in that sale are the same as the collection I photographed in 1970. So that collection must have been sold quietly

Sincerely Yours

Gordon Haver

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 15, 1990

Mr. Gordon Harris
5318 S. Terry Road
Syracuse, NY 13219

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am glad to cooperate with you in accordance with your letter of August 3, 1990 and prior correspondence. You indicate you have 49 illustrations in the New York private and scrip area and if a group of them are taken from my book, then I believe it is proper to indicate the source. I thank you very much for referring the readers to my book for additional information.

I am interested to know what collection you photographed in 1970 and found the same notes in a Stack auction of 1990. Was it Percy Rideout?

Good luck with your book and be proud of helping numismatics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Newman", written over a light purple rectangular background.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

September 10, 1990

Mr. Gordon Harris
5318 S. Terry Road
Syracuse, NY 13219

Each individual picture does not have to have our name on it. You may use a blanket comment as to the number of photographs if you wish. Good luck.

I have no idea what collection contained the notes you mentioned.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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5318 S. Terry rd.
Syracuse N.Y. 13219

Eric Newman

How would you like the credits to be given? Black for
X number of illustrations or individually.

The collection which I photographed was from Dr. Sartoris of
Schenectady. I have been trying to locate my notes on the
Stack collection but much of my material is in Florida.
However I am sending you copies of a note which I photographed
and another from a different source which I have no record.
This may help in determining who got the collection. I am not
interested in who got the collection as I am not adding to my
collection.

Gordon Howie

Sent
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City of
Albany
2/18/93